**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_Wednesday, November 9th, 2016\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_\_6:20 PM\_\_\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_WAMS Library, New Wilmington, PA 16142\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_X Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_X\_ Nancy Blaskewicz, Secretary \_X Heather Buchan, Literacy Advocacy

\_X\_ Kim Deniker, Treasurer \_\_ John Ziegler and Linda Ziegler, Members at Large

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| * **Secretary’s Report –***Nancy Blaskewicz*    + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the June 15, 2016 meeting.   + Meeting minutes from June 15th, 2016 meeting were accepted as posted. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 28   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: Jan-June 2016, $98.00 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Kim Deniker*   + Current Checking Balance: $2,194.25 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: * Report will be filed for audit * Bills approved for payment: * None at this time. | * **Literacy Advocacy Report** *– Heather Buchan*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. Nothing to report from KSRA 2. Wants to just forward E-mails as she receives them from the Literacy Advocacy chairperson. 3. Kim will put the e-mail info on the wiki.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Literacy Advocacy*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Michele Evans*
  + Welcomed all officers and members.
  + Survey Monkey was used to elect new members which was not effective since only 11 out of 34 members received the invitation to respond after three tries. E-mail list is to be updated by Nancy.
    - Survey produced the following results with officers listed above. 12 People responded.
      * + 1 person would attend 1 meeting a year.
        + 1 Person would attend 2 meetings a year.
        + 2 People would attend 3 meetings per year.
        + 3 People would attend 4 meetings per year.
        + 2 People would attend 5 meetings per year.
        + 1 Person would attend 6 meetings per year.
        + One comment: As many as my life will permit.

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* + - * Answering the question as to how far you are willing to travel to a meeting is as follows:
        + 1-15 Miles – 2 were
        + 16-25 Miles – 4 were
        + 25-35 Miles – 2 were
        + 36+ Miles – 3 were
        + 1 response of no preference how far it is.
      * Answering the question of what types of meetings would you attend is as follows:
        + TAR – 9, 75%
        + Professional Speakers – 10, 83%
        + Literacy Projects (Earth Day) 4, 33%
        + Public Library Demos – 6, 50%
      * Use of Wikispaces: Yes – 5, 45%, No – 6, 54%
      * Suggestions for the Council:
        + Continue with winter meetings.
        + You are doing a great job as a council. Keep up the good work.
        + Not able to attend meetings but do read the e-mails and wiki in hopes of attending in 2016-2017.
  + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours.
    - All hours have been submitted and recorded as per Sandee Cechini.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st, 2017 for $100.00.
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st , 2017

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele is now working with her art teacher at school to create another new logo and is working on developing it after ideas were submitted from the members. She will report back once she receives the final logo for approval of membership. A tree with books as branched and states the Council’s name.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve continues.
* Kim has filed all necessary paperwork/phone calls to the IRS to ensure the 990 is indeed current. Kim received paperwork that the 2014 990 was not filed and has also been filed and taken care.
* Approved Council brochure: The logo is still being developed before we send this to print.
* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.

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**New Business**

* Discussed December’s Meeting. Jennifer Toney will be presenting at WAMS Library on Teaching Tall Tales Elements through Graphic Novels on 12/7/16 at 5:00 PM
* Newman Center at SRU has a new Pastor and is not allowing outside groups to use the facility. We have a $150.00 credit with them that is supposed to be reimbursed in January of 2017.
* Bill May from Lakeview School District may be a future presenter. He presents “Showville Brothers” and does Ghost Tours in Butler County.
* Shelly Marosack (sp) from Neshanook may present Literacy Ideas for the free mini public library.
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_7:08 PM\_**